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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN BRAZILIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 173162

1. CONGEN RIO SPOKE WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CUSTOMS POLICY COUNCIL (CPA), ANTONIO PASCHOAL, RE LIKELY AMOUNT OF BRAZILIAN IMPORTS AFFECTED BY CPA RESOLUTION NO. 2969 OF MAY 31, 1977. PASCHOAL STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION DID NOT INDICATE ANY LIMITS TO IMPORTS IN CATEGORIES EXEMPTED FROM PRIOR DEPOSIT, IT HAD BEEN ISSUED AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF VARIOUS GOB AGENCIES INTERESTED IN PARTICULAR IMPORTS. HE DOUBTED, THEREFORE, THAT OUTSIDE IMPORTERS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXEMPTIONS, SINCE VARIOUS MINISTRIES MUST APPROVE THE IMPORTS IN QUESTION AND WILL ONLY APPROVE THOSE ALREADY PLANNED FOR PROJECTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPEN-
TENCIES.

2. THIS SET OF EXEMPTIONS, DESIGNED MAINLY TO LOWER COSTS TO GOB AGENCIES FOR NECESSARY IMPORTS UNDER THEIR PROGRAMS,
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SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A SIGNIFICANT LESSENING OF GOB TRADE RESTRICTIONS. GOB IMPORT POLICY REMAINS VERY TIGHT, AS RECENTLY REPORTED (BRASILIA 6317 -- SEE ESPECIALLY PARAGRAPH 5 FOR COMMENTS ON PRIOR-DEPOSIT MECHANISM).

3. IT IS INTERSTING TO NOTE THAT A JULY 29 DECREE-

LAW EXEMPTED PETROBRAS FROM OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSES
FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE CAMPOS OFF-SHORE OILFIELDS
(AIRGRAM BEING TRANSMITTED WITH DETAILS OF THIS DECREE-
LAW). ALTHOUGH NUCLEBRAS IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE SEEKING
WAIVERS FROM LICENSING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, MINFIN
SIMONSEN HAS STATED THAT THE ACTION ON PETROBRAS SHOULD
BE VIEWED AS UNIQUE AND NOT AS A PRECEDENT FOR EXEMPT-
IONS FOR OTHER ENTITIES. PRIVATE SECTOR IMPORTERS
RESENT GOB AGENCIES' ACTIONS TO GAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM
CONTROLS, AND DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF EQUIPMENT SIMILAR
TO THAT TO BE IMPORTED BY PETROBRAS AND OTHER GOB
AGENCIES ARE CLEARLY OPPOSED TO SUCH EXEMPTIONS.
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